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North Douglas Crossing

Gentlemen:

Goldbelt Incorporated, on behalf of our 3600 shareholders, would like to express our support for prioritizing and funding the North Douglas Crossing (previously called the 2nd Channel Crossing.) This project has been a top local Transportation priority of the City and Borough of Juneau for many years. A Crossing on the north side of Douglas Island is at the top of the list for Emergency Planning and public safety in Juneau. Completion of this project will provide an essential link to economic development of the west side of Douglas. Projects such as a Golf Course, Residential Development, and Recreational Development are actively being researched.. Dock and port-related entities such as the U.S. Coast Guard, barge companies, cruise lines, small manufacturing companies have expressed strong interest in participating in development of this area. It all hinges on transportation infrastructure to the only remaining "NEW GROWTH" area for Juneau. These projects may never reach their potential without this crossing becoming a reality. Additionally, Over \$2.5 million has already been spent on the Preliminary Scoping of this project as part of the Environmental Impact Study. Do not allow this money to dwindle away!

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